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9. (Amended) A back light device for a liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the polarized beam splitting sheet has a planar laminated structure having three or more layers each of which has double refraction; and a refractive index difference between the layers adjacent to each other along its thickness direction for one of two light beams having vibration directions perpendicular to each other in a plane is different from the difference in the refractive index between the layers adjacent to each other along its thickness direction for the other of the two light beams.

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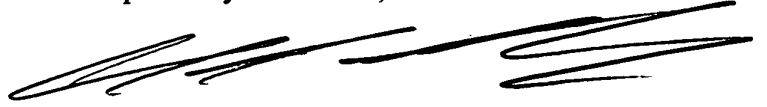
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10. (Amended) A back light device for a liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the light diffusing sheet is composed of a light-transmissive material wherein its light outputting surface is rougher than its light receiving surface.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, the claims are amended and in even better condition for initial examination. No new matter is added.

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